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For: **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE CO-ORDINATION AND CONTROL OF
INFORMATION SUPPLY USING A DISTRIBUTED MULTI-AGENT PLATFORM**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2",
Claim 4, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--,
Claim 9, line 1, delete "or claim 8",
Claim 10, line 1, change "any one of claims 7 to 9" to --claim 7--,
Claim 12, line 1, change "any one of claims 7 to 11" to --claim 7--,
Claim 14, line 1, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--,
Claim 20, line 1, delete "or claim 19",
Claim 21, line 1, change "any one of claims 18 to 20" to --claim 18--,
Claim 22, line 1, change "any one of claims 18 to 21" to --claim 18--,
Claim 23, line 1, change "any one of claims 18 to 22" to --claim 18--,
Claim 24, line 1, change "any one of claims 18 to 23" to --claim 18--,
Claim 26, line 1, delete "or 25".

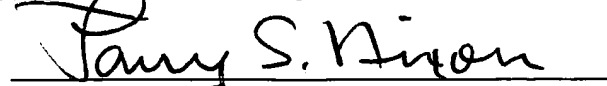
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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